

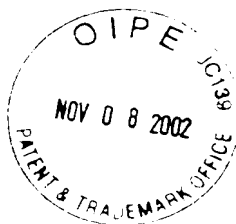
Docket No. 8663-0001-2X

IN RE APPLICATION OF: HIDEKAZU KIKUCHI

SERIAL NO: 09 557,156

FILED: APRIL 25, 2000

FOR: TRANSFER METHOD AND APPARATUS...



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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Marked-Up Copy of Amendment, Request for Extension of Time

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS	
TOTAL	41	MINUS	38	3	× \$18 =	\$54.00	
INDEPENDENT	5	MINUS	5	0	× \$84 =	\$0.00	
		<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			+ \$280 =	\$0.00	
		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS					\$54.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity					\$0.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> Recordation of Assignment			+ \$40 =	\$0.00	
		TOTAL					\$54.00

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$164.00** is attached.
- ☒ Please charge any additional Fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
HIDEKAZU KIKUCHI : EXAMINER: BERMAN, J. I.  
SERIAL NO: 09/557,156 :  
FILED: APRIL 25, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2881  
FOR: TRANSFER METHOD AND :  
APPARATUS, EXPOSURE :  
METHOD AND APPARATUS, :  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING :  
EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND :  
DEVICE MANUFACTURING :  
METHOD :

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of July 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

- / Please cancel Claim 18 without prejudice.
- ✓ Please amend the below-noted claims to read as follows:<sup>1</sup>

1. (Amended) A transfer method of transporting an object to be transferred to/from a stage provided in an exposure apparatus for manufacturing a microdevice, the method comprising:

supporting one surface of said object on a plurality of support members:

A marked-up copy of the amendments is attached hereto.